

PORTIA HERE ENDS DISPUTE OVER RENT

Hirsch's Girl Stenographers
Step Into Breach When
Men Are Busy.

ONE TENANT WILL STAY

Landlord Agrees Not to Dis-
possess Him When Woman
Pleads Case.

Nathan Hirsch, chairman of the May-
or's Committee on Rent Control, in
response to the ability of his four young
women stenographers to step into the
breach when male arbitrators are up
to their necks in work and preside at
hearings involving rent disputes between
landlords and tenants.

He was particularly pleased yesterday
over the common sense way in which
Miss Eva R. Ohlbaum, one of the quar-
ter, conducted a case and saved a ten-
ant from being evicted even after a
justice of a municipal court had de-
cided that the family would have to get
out. However, the modern Portia in-
cidentally told the tenant "just where he
got off," and it was her advice to him
that was largely instrumental in in-
fluencing the landlord to permit him
to remain.

The landlord was Morris Feldman,
living at 1214 Charlotte street. The
tenant, the complaining tenant was
Max Gorenberg, occupying an apartment
at 888 East 173d street. Feldman
raised the rent from \$29 to \$32 per
month, but Gorenberg said he didn't
object to the raise. What troubled him
was the fact that he received a notice
to move and he didn't know where he
was going to find a home.

Hears the Case.
Miss Ohlbaum seated herself between
the excited tenant and the agitated land-
lord at the hearing and told them to
fire away, one at a time.

Gorenberg, by virtue of being com-
plainant, had the first say, and his tale
was enough to touch the heart of any
female judge.

It was like this: Mrs. Gorenberg was
a designer and went out every day to
work. Mr. Gorenberg, willing to do his
bit, remained at home, took care of
the baby and kept things tidy up the
best he knew. Then the trouble came.
Gorenberg said he was a father of six
children in the house. "Where house
was it, anyway?"

Then both sides each other and Miss
Ohlbaum argued for the sake of the
baby, not the daddy
nurse, to be goodhearted and charitable
and permit the family to remain. Feld-
man saw the point (and the baby who
was in his father's arms) and said
he was willing, whereupon the latest
Portia beamed and said he was a good
fellow.

Turning to tenant Gorenberg,
Miss Ohlbaum said:
"Mr. Gorenberg, if you want to stay
in that house you have got to cut out
that Socialist group. Neither can you
dictate to your landlord. Remember,
the property is his, and not yours. Your
landlord seems to be a real man. He
doesn't want to see your family put
out of the street. He is a father of six
children himself. Respect him and also
treat the janitress as a lady. It's
her duty to clean up, but don't make
any more mess than you can help. It
is up to you and your wife to be clean."

To Remain on Trial.
"I'll let him stay in the house until
November 1," landlord Feldman said,
"and, if he behaves, he can stay on."
"Good for you," said the lady judge.
The case later because Feldman made
charges to the effect that Gorenberg
was holding what he called "Bolshevik
meetings" and had been reported to
the police of the Smith street station as
a "Bolshevik." The Captain made a
careful investigation of the accusation,
declared the charges to be unfounded
and reaffirmed Miss Ohlbaum's find-
ings as to the basis for a settlement.
Feldman and Gorenberg signed an agree-
ment with the committee and Goren-
berg will remain a tenant at the old
rent.

Lillie Grant, confidential secretary to
the committee, and Mary C. Tighe,
stenographer, have successfully acted as
arbitrators in rent disputes on several
occasions.

SWANN TO ATTACK RENT CONSPIRATORS

Says Tenants' Associations
Are Falsely Organized.

The District Attorney's office will ar-
range at once to begin a John Doe in-
quiry into the alleged activities of so-
called "tenants' associations" in the
housing situation, largely on the East
Side, according to an announcement
made yesterday by District Attorney
Swann. The proceedings will be insti-
tuted at the suggestion of Mayor Hylan
in information furnished by Nathan
Hirsch, chairman of the Mayor's com-
mittee on rent profiteering.

Mr. Hirsch, after conferring with
Judge Swann, gave out a statement in
which he said:

"These engineering these associations
collected sums of money from the
tenants, ostensibly for legal services,
fomented strikes against landlords and
brought dimension between rentpayers
and owners and lessees of tenements.
As a result of these endeavors thousands
of tenants have not only paid for legal
services never performed but they have
lost their homes and have been actually
thrown upon the streets. Most of these
tenants were of foreign birth, and being
unfamiliar with our ways were an easy
prey to the adventurers who sought to
enrich themselves at their expense."
"We have proof that in certain in-
stances the tenants' organizations actu-
ally took over the rental of the prem-
ises and informed the landlords that they
did not make repairs at once. This
work would be done out of the rent at
a much greater expense. We also have
abundant proof that owners have been
prevented from leasing floors in houses
where rent strikes have been declared
and also have been prevented from en-
tering their own premises."

SMITH CUTS BURLY TERM.

New York Thief Receives Benefit
of Leniency.

Another commutation of sentence
granted by Gov. Smith arrived at Sing
Sing yesterday. It was for Ernest Wer-
ner, and out in two a sentence of eight
years he received in New York county
for burglary. It also saved him from
serving an additional one year and ten
months for violation of parole. Werner
arrived January 20, 1915.

Every week a batch of commutations
are being received. Not since Rowell
R. Flower was Governor in 1893 have
so many been coming to the prison so
frequently.

FROST PROMISED IF WIND DIES DOWN

Mercury Drops From 71 to
54 in Few Hours.

HAT IS LONG CUP IN WHISKEY THEFT

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TELLS OF BRIBING
U. S. NAVY OFFICER
George Einstein Testifies at
Marsden's Trial.

Although he had first feet and was
thirty pounds overweight, George Ein-
stein, assistant treasurer of the J. Ein-
stein Corporation at 9 Spruce street, was
enrolled in the Naval Reserve through
the efforts of Lieutenant-Commander
Christopher Marsden, so Einstein de-
clared yesterday when he appeared as a
witness before the naval court-martial
which is trying Marsden at the New
York Navy Yard on charges of having
accepted money in return for securing
easy berths in that branch of the service
for generously inclined applicants.

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sden. Louis Markowitz, who has ad-
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POLICE TRIAL ECHO OF TRACTION STRIKE

Eight Patrolmen Accused of
Failure to Aid B. R. T.

Hearings for eight patrolmen accused
of deserting their posts on cars during
the B. R. T. strike and in other ways
failing to give full protection to the
company were begun yesterday before John
A. Leach, Deputy Police Commissioner.
One of the officers was accused of going
to sleep while on strike duty and an-
other, Patrolman John Shine, on duty
at the Wilson avenue station during the
strike, was said to have "stuck out his
tongue" at a police lieutenant and to
have called a motorman and a B. R. T.
inspector "scabs."

Commissioner Leach wanted to know
if Shine was a stockholder in the B. R.
T., which Shine denied. The Commis-
sioner took testimony in several of the
other cases and then made the general
remark that the reports of violence dur-
ing the strike had been largely a matter
of newspaper fiction.

The officers on trial besides Shine are
Patrolmen Gerald Murphy, Thomas Mc-
Namara, Frank Cushman, Joseph Lyman,
Robert Connolly, George Mahoney and
George Valentine. Lyman was charged
with having been drunk and with
leaving his post, resulting in the injury
of a conductor, and Mahoney and Val-
entine with being disrespectful to super-
iors. Murphy, McNamara and Cushman
were charged with failing to take proper
action while guarding cars.

PASTOR \$300,000 IN DEBT, SAYS CHURCH

Successor Asks New Admin-
istrator for Estate of Mgr.

Strzelecki.

Surrogate Cohan reserved decision
yesterday on a motion to remove Julian
F. Strzelecki as administrator of the
estate of his brother, Mgr. John H. Strze-
lecki, late pastor of the Church of St.
Stanislaus, of 103 Seventh street, but
signed an order requiring the adminis-
trator to furnish bonds of \$200,000 in
place of the \$20,000 bond he furnished on
his appointment when his brother's estate
was represented to be not more than
\$15,000.

The application to oust the adminis-
trator was made by Rev. Ignatius J.
Bialycki, present pastor of the Church
of St. Stanislaus, who made the amazing
declaration that his brother had in-
debted to the church to the extent of
\$300,000, and that his estate was more
than \$150,000, which his brother now
claims. Father Bialycki alleged that the
actions of the brother have proved him
unfit to act as administrator in so
delicate a matter as the present one,
which requires immediate settlement.

Father Bialycki alleged that immedi-
ately following the death of Mgr. Strze-
lecki the present administrator, opened
the safe in the rectory and seized \$85-
000 in United States Government cer-
tificates, Russian rubles of the value
of \$75,000, \$10,000 in Russian bonds,
\$15,000 in Liberty Loan bonds, a box
containing \$1,500 in twenty dollar gold
pieces, a \$1,000 gold watch, set with
diamonds, which was a gift to the priest
from his congregation; a cross of gold
and with precious stones, also a gift, and
three carat diamond pin and a three
carat diamond ring.

The administrator obtained his ap-
pointment by stating that his brother
died intestate, whereas in an affidavit
sworn to by the Rev. Andrew L. Grygus,
the assistant pastor, which was intro-
duced at the hearing yesterday, the de-
ponent states that the decedent's will
was found and destroyed by the dead
priest's brother.

It developed during the hearing that
before the application was brought be-
fore the courts, an ecclesiastical board
questioned Strzelecki regarding the
estate of his brother and the indebted-
ness of the church to the church.
The administrator replied that the
greater part of the property was his
own and had been entrusted to his
brother for safekeeping.

Surrogate Cohan evinced his sur-
prise that a clergyman could go into
debt, in the sum named, to his church.
He was informed that in the case of
Mgr. Strzelecki this easily was possible
and that at the proper time evidence
would be introduced to show that the
priest continually drew checks against
the funds of the church. The Surrogate
persisted in his questions, asking:

"How could it be possible for a
clergyman drawing a nominal salary to
amass all the money he is said to have
possessed at the time of his death?"
This query remained unanswered. The
attorney for the administrator agreed
that his client would furnish the bond
demanded.

ONCE WRECKED SHIP HERE WITH BIG CARGO

War Pulled Spectre Off Reef
and Put Her at Work.

A regenerated square rigger, like a
spectre ship from vanished days of
powerful sailing craft, anchored in the
bay yesterday flying the unfamiliar flag
of Argentina. But for the war her
"bones" might be resting still on the
spot where she grounded more than
twenty years ago in the Strait of Ma-
gellan. She was then an aged sea rover,
but mightily tough, and South American
speculators decided that she was sal-
vageable and hauled her off and patched her
until she was almost new.

Chilean sailors manned her and in-
terned German officers were put in com-
mand. She is from Punta Arenas, most
southerly town on the globe, with a big
cargo of wool.

When she was wrecked she was the
Andimaru, and her owner and his own-
ers and underwriters gave her up as not
worth saving. The war made the de-
mand for tonnage so great and urgent
that her salvors reaped a good profit
from their enterprise.

BOXING BOUT KILLS ELLIS.
Wilfred (Kid) Doyle Arrested by
Jersey City Police.

Wilfred (Kid) Doyle, a prize fighter
of 14 Sylvan terrace, struck Meyer Ellis
of 59 East 119th street on the head last
night just before the end of the fourth
round of their boxing exhibition in the
Greenville Schuetzen Park, at Boulevard
and Sea View avenue, Jersey City. Ellis
staggered and fell to the ropes. Ref-
eree Brennan, seeing that Ellis was
badly hurt, stopped the fight and helped
him to his corner.

Ellis lost consciousness before a phys-
ician could be summoned and was taken
to the Jersey City Hospital, where he
died a few minutes later. Dr. L. R.
Voorhees, who examined Ellis, said he
believed that Doyle's blow burst a blood vessel
in Ellis's temple. Doyle was arrested by
the Jersey City police and held on a
charge of manslaughter.

French Radio Open to Public.
The Western Union Telegraph Com-
pany announces all coastal radio sta-
tions in France, including the new
stations at Havre, Marseilles and Brest,
are now open without restrictions for
public service.

JOHN WANAMAKER

THE STORE THAT REFLECTS THE GOOD TASTE OF NEW YORK

JOHN WANAMAKER
Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co.
Broadway at Ninth, New York.
Store Hours, 9 to 5.30.

Good morning!
This is October 8!
The weather today prob-
ably will be fair.

There is Shoddy Manhood

as well as shoddy silks and
shoddy trousers, and shoddy
storekeeping, banking and ad-
vertising.

Get out of the fogs of chance,
luck and unpreparedness.
Choose carefully your voca-
tion, grip it hard and climb
from the foot of your class to
the top. Do not say at the be-
ginning you cannot do it and it
is no use to try.

Buckle yourself up to it and
keep buckled up, and your
storms of impatience, discour-
agement and dark days of cloud
will end with the rainbow of
success.

Stick steadily to your work
until it is the best, and your
work will bring honor to you as
the best of your profession or
trade.

[Signed]
John Wanamaker
Oct. 8, 1919.

Dr. Rawson's Book "Life Understood"

may be had in the Wana-
maker Book Store.

Dr. Rawson is the Lon-
don metaphysician who is
now creating such a fu-
re in New York, hun-
dreds of people being
turned away from his lec-
tures because of lack of
room. Price is \$5.
Eighth Gallery, New Building.

The smartness of narrow belts

A practically indispensable
accessory to the smart woman's
toilette nowadays is a very nar-
row belt of patent or colored
leather. She wears soft heather
colors and browns, with her
sweaters for sports wear, and
with her simple blue tricot
street frock or tailored suit—
even on her Autumn topcoat.

Main floor, Old Building.

Handbags

Duetyne first choice

Quite the nicest bags are
of brown or sand-colored
duetyne, embroidered
with a chenille design in
wool.

These bags if carried when
one wears a duetyne hat, shoes,
and gloves of the same shade,
will give a very smart finish to
any costume.
\$39.38 and \$41.05.
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Gloves

Our famous French gloves
"Reynier," of course, are
perfectly lovely.

They come in grays and tans
and white and are imported by
us from France. Prices \$3.50
and \$3.75.

Other French gloves in white
glace kid have bands of color
around the wrist.

Slip-on gloves of finest
mocha